

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 14, 15 and 18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 12, 13, 16 and 17 are canceled and claim 18 is amended.

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-identified patent application on July 12, 2001. Applicants have received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered most of the cited disclosed information. However, consideration of the U.S. patent cited in this Information Disclosure Statement has not been acknowledged. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the U.S. patent and return to the undersigned an initialed copy of the subject Form PTO-1449.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 over Limal et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

It is noted initially that Limal was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 19, 2001. Consideration of this reference was acknowledged in the initialed Form PTO-1449s attached to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004.

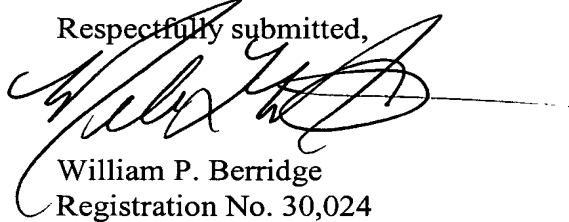
Limal does not teach the subject matter of claims 1-7. In particular, Limal does not teach a pseudopeptide comprising at least one of formulae (I) and/or (II). Among other differences, it is noted that formulae (I) and (II) each contain an -N-C(=X)- unit, which is not contained in any of the structures taught by Limal.

Limal does not teach each and every feature of claims 1-7. Therefore, the §102 rejection of these claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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